Willard Richards [Nauvoo] to Jennetta Richards [Richmond, Massachusetts] Letter 1

My Dearest Jennetta, I am sorry you did not understand the interpretation of your dream. the statement was you would be tempted, not that you would give way & wrong me or break your vow. No! and instead of my believing you guilty of any criminal act, I never had a jealous thought of you God knows. No. Never! & trust I never shall. my heart reposes full confidince in her I love as my life. —& ever has—I have never had a doubt. of her integrity. the interpretation was from God, as a warning to beware of Temptation therefore set your heart at rest about my fears of you.—I am sorry you should ever have had any feelings you have experienced about it. banish them.—there is no occasion. I believe you would rather die than do wrong in such a matter. but the devil is cunning. & all are liable to Temptation. Jesus not excepted and — The dream you mention in your last, is not good, neither is it from a good source. so you need not give yourself any uneasiness about. -My Sisters are not your enemies & I perceive by your letter you do not count them such. — I am glad to see your feelings are kind towards them. I am aware that you & they have not understood each others feelings, & movements, & wishes. I do not believe there is any enmity between you. — You shall have your place, it is right. — you are right in wishing it. I can explain many things to you when I see you. — they have meant many things for good which have appeared strange & unreasonable. all things may yet [p. [1]]

be put to rights you spend an Eternity of bliss together.. You shall yet spend many good days on the Earth. — & rejoice together. not be bound to gether by force, but by love, — I would not wound one tender feelings of your soul on any account. I would be a Son of peace & consolation to your heaving bosom. I never had the remotest thought you ever wished or designed to exert an influence again[s]t me. & if I ever used the words it was in reference to p[r]inciple.— I desire I may now so write as to be understood & calm every feeling of your soul. & I never had any other design. Be at rest about all things till I see you & I will explain what I have not already. all is right. be comforted my Love. be comforted & make you[r]self as happy as possible. I am glad you feel ready to receive God word from his servants or his spirit. You must let your heart swell out large for great things await this generation. Meditate on these glorious principles I have written you from time to time. — The priesthood is for the Sisters as well as for the brethren. — the blessings which await you are without bou[n]ds. if you continue faithful as I believe you will. always remember God never instituted an order of things which would not tend to the happiness of his children. —— if the sisters have erred do not cast them off. we must be patient with each other as we desire our father to be with us. & I believe you will be. — God bless my Jennetta comfort her heart. give her wisdom & strength & patience & endurence to the end amen. Willard R



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Willard Richards [Nauvoo] to Jennetta Richards [Richmond, Massachusetts] 26 Feb. 1842

My Dearest Jennetta I know it pleases you to see a little scrap. & I love to please you and it would rejoice my soul to see you, & converse with you and I have no doubt it would yours also. & this privilige we shall yet enjoy & see and know that all things have been well.— and right before God in our separation Let us be patient and wait on the Lord — Jennetta, your faith has sometimes been weak as you have said. but I can truly say this work is of God. there is no mistake.. — acknowledge the hand of God in all things & you shall see the salvation of God & stand in his presence. there is more virtue in the priesthood than Even the Saints are aware of.— It is the power of God on earth as as sure as God lives if you will cling to me, and seek my happiness to the end I will bring you into the kingdom & your friends & mine. and what will you not be willing to suffer to accomplish this. all trials are nothing. There are many things recorded of the old patriarchs and prophets which have seemed bad to us. which if we knew the reasons thereof and the order of God would appear right. though they did some wrong things, no doubt. God has raised up Joseph to do a certain work, not so particularly to make him a perfect example, but do a certain work., & he never pretends to be a perfect man, but tells every body he is imperfect & they need not copy after him, & yet I never saw his equal, to do every thing right without pretensions. Joseph says he has been searching all his life time to find a man after his own heart, in all things, that he could trust with his business, & he has found him. who do you think it is? Dr Richards. will not this compensate for the loss of his company a little while my love? — [p. [1]] God bless my Jennetta & her boys Yea they shall be blessed, though one she sees not yet multitudes shall rejoice in their existence — Since I left Richmond I have thought much of Sister Rhoda. She has been a mother to me, and we always lay as it were, in each others bosoms. when I was there she appeared more distant, & for this reason I suppose from circumstances which had occured in the family. she felt she could not make quite so free with me as she had done because you were there — < by yet may this I do not wonder at, but. there is no occasion for any thing of the kind. for I know you would have no feelings about a sisters love though some would. — and I can assure you you can place the utmost confidence in her & Nancy also. they will never betray their friends. And I have no doubt — they will study your happiness & you theirs. I love my sisters as well as ever & my Jennetta better too, and if I had a thousand such dear friends I could love them all. Why because my heart is true, expansive as Eternity. — could I see you I could explain ma[n]y things I did not know when I left you. ==the grand secret of the Gospel is this. for us to live by every word of the lord. to live by revelation, present Revelation, do what God requires of us, & not what he required of somebody else. If you will do right in all things God will shew you ma[n]y things by his spirit. — Dreams visions &c. this I had written for my former letter.— but left it out for another scrap <about Dreams> not thinking I could send both. & I send it now because I have not time to write more. — Feb. 26.—



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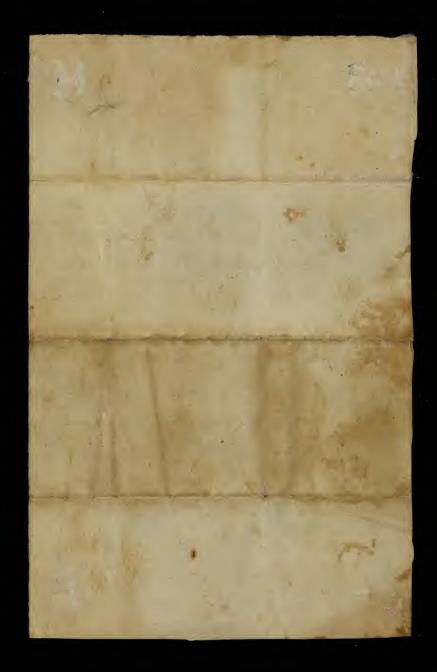
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